

Universal Gravity

Unit: Newton

$$F = \frac{G * m_1 * m_2}{d^2} \quad \text{to find mass of an object}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \quad wt = m * g$$

- 1) What is the gravitational force between two 6 kg. spherical masses that are 5 meters apart?

$$\frac{6 \cdot 6^2}{5^2} = 9.6048 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N}$$

- 2) What is the gravitational force between them when they are 5×10^5 meters apart?

$$9.6048 \times 10^{-21} \text{ N}$$

- 3) Two large spheres are suspended close to each other. Their centers are 4 m apart. One mass weighs $9.8 \times 10^4 \text{ N}$. The other mass has a weight of $1.98 \times 10^2 \text{ N}$. What is the gravitational force that exists between them?

$$8.42 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$$

- 4) Two satellites of equal mass are put into orbit 30 m apart. The gravitational force between them is $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ N}$. a) What is the mass of each satellite?

- b) What is the initial acceleration given to each satellite by the force?

$$a) 1.64 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \quad b) F/m = a = 1.22 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m/s}^2$$

- 5) The mass of the Earth is $6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$. If the centers of the Earth and Moon are $3.9 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$ apart, the gravitational force between them is about $1.9 \times 10^{20} \text{ N}$. What is the approximate mass of the Moon?

$$\frac{GmM}{d^2} = 1.9 \times 10^{20} \quad \therefore \text{Moon mass} = 7.22 \times 10^{22} \text{ kg}$$

- 6) Use Newton's second law of motion to find the acceleration given to the Moon by the force in problem 5.

$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{1.9 \times 10^{20}}{7.22 \times 10^{22}} = 0.00263 \text{ m/s}^2$$

- 7) The mass of an electron is $9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$. The mass of a proton is $1.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$. The mass of a proton is $1.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$. They are about $1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ apart in a hydrogen atom. What force of gravitation exists between the proton and the electron of a hydrogen atom?

$$F = \frac{G \cdot (1.7 \times 10^{-27}) (9.1 \times 10^{-31})}{10^{-20}} = 1.03 \times 10^{-47} \text{ N}$$